corruption against 11 Group 'A' Officers, 13 Group 'B' Officers, 40 Group 'C' Officers and 14 Group 'D' Officers of DDA. It is premature to disclose their names at this stage as the investigation into the allegations have been not been completed by the CBI.

(c) and (d) To ensure fair and impartial investigations, these officers have either been transferred to non-sensitive posts or have been placed under suspension.

Reference of cases of corrupt DDA officials to CBI

1558. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have referred the cases of corrupt DDA officials involved in illegal constructions to CBI recently;

(b) if so, the names of the high officials who have been alleged in the racket;

(c) whether departmental proceedings were conducted for their alleged involvement;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when, the penal action is likely to be taken against them on the basis of CBI's finding?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a): No specific case of corrupt DDA officials has been referred to the CBI.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Plan to make cities as mirror of cultural heritage of India

†1559. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMNT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a plan to make some cities as a mirror of cultural heritage of India;

(b) if so, the comprehensive details thereof; and

(c) whether India's modern heritage will also find place in it?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (c) A scheme has been drawn up for rejuvenation of culturally significant cities. Preliminary work in this regard has been done and the detailed provisions of the scheme are under discussion with the State Governments and the Planning Commission. The scheme is likely to be given final shape shortly. Its basic objective is to ensure that these culturally significant cities become vibrant centres not only of civic life but also of economic, social and cultural advancement. The cities to be covered by the scheme would be decided in consultation with the State Governments but it is proposed as a general preposition to select at least one culturally significant town in each small State and two in the large States.

CBI cases against DDA officials

1560. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether CBI has registered cases against senior officials of DDA for their alleged nexus with property dealers in restoring DDA flats;

(b) if so, the names of officials of DDA against whom CBI has registered cases;

(c) whether corruption in DDA is at its peak and Government have failed to curb such practices; and

(d) if so, the facts thereof and the steps taken to bring transparency in the functioning of DDA?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The CBI have registered cases against the following DDA officials:—

(i) Shri V.K. Singhal, Director (Housing)

(ii) Shri M.S. Sharma, Joint Director (SFS)

(iii) Shri M.L. Ahuja, Asstt. Director (Welfare)

(iv) Shri Jagbir Choudhary, Dealing Asstt. (EHS)

(v) Shri R.P. Sharma, Dealing Asstt. (EHS)